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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Previously Presented)      An applicator head for a device having an air suction source for applying individual flat material elements to objects, the applicator head comprising:  
   an applicator surface in air communication with said air suction source and having at least two perforatable, weak locations.
2. (Previously Presented)      An applicator head as in claim 1, wherein the weak locations are regularly arranged on the applicator surface.
3. (Previously Presented)      An applicator head as in claim 2, wherein the weak locations are distributed over the entire applicator surface .
4. (Previously Presented)      An applicator head as in claim 1, further comprising grooves on an outside of the applicator surface .
5. (Previously Presented)      An applicator head as in claim 3, wherein the weak locations are in columns and grooves are provided between two columns of the weak locations .
6. (Previously Presented)      An applicator head as in claim 1, further comprising:  
   an applicator pad coupled to the applicator's surface;                      and  
   a mounting frame releasably connected to the applicator pad.
7. (Previously Presented)      An applicator head as in claim 6, wherein the applicator head is reversibly displaceable in a straight line from a starting position into an applicator

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position, and wherein the applicator pad can be reversibly inserted into a pad receiving means in a direction transverse to the straight line.

8. (Previously Presented) An applicator head as in claim 7, wherein the pad receiving means is formed by two C-shaped guide rails that extend in parallel relationship and into which the applicator pad can be reversibly inserted.

9. (Previously Presented) An applicator head as in claim 7, further comprising an abutment positioned to hold the applicator pad in place relative to the pad receiving means .

10. (Previously Presented) An applicator head for an applicator device as in claim 6, wherein the applicator pad is releasably lockable to the mounting frame of a locking device.

11. (Previously Presented) An applicator head as in claim 10, wherein the locking device comprises a spring-loaded ball .

12. (Previously Presented) An applicator head as in claim 10 or claim 11, wherein an abutment is formed by the locking device.

13. (Currently Amended) An applicator head as in claim ~~4~~6, wherein the applicator pad is formed from a carrier plate and an applicator plate .

14. (Previously Presented) An applicator head as in claim 13, wherein the applicator plate and the carrier plate are non-releasably connected together.

15. (Previously Presented) An applicator head as in claim 13 or claim 14, further comprising a second surface parallel to the applicator surface, the second surface having at least two further weak locations are aligned with the weak locations at the applicator surface..

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16. (Previously Presented) An applicator head as in claim 13, wherein the applicator plate is of a thickness that allows a removal of material for adapting the applicator's surface to the flat material element.

17. (Previously Presented) An applicator head as in claim 13, wherein the carrier plate is provided with a coupling for releasable communication with the suction air source.

18. (Previously Presented) An applicator head as in claim 13, wherein the applicator plate is produced from a deformable material.

19. (Previously Presented) An applicator head as in claim 3, wherein the weak locations are arranged in a raster grid configuration.

20. (Previously Presented) An applicator head as in claim 3, wherein the weak locations are arranged in rows and columns.

21. (Previously Presented) An applicator head as in claim 4, wherein the grooves extend in parallel and at equidistant spacing to each other.

22. (Previously Presented) An applicator head as in claim 13, wherein the applicator plate includes the applicator surface.

23. (Previously Presented) An applicator head as in claim 13, wherein the carrier plate and the applicator plate define at least one hollow space between them.

24. (Previously Presented) An applicator head as in claim 14, wherein the applicator plate and the carrier plate are glued together.

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25. (Previously Presented) An applicator head as in claim 15, wherein the further weak locations are separated from the weak locations by a thin material skin.

26. (Currently Amended) An applicator head as in claim ~~15~~8, wherein the deformable material is plastic.